

Mason County Republican Executive Committee Minutes
May 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Invocation – John Beckett

Pledge – Jim Bachelder

Roll Call – Tina Shirshun Present: Prosecutor Lauren Kreinbrink, Clerk Cheryl Kelly, Susan Boes, Gary Castonia, Jim Bachelder, John Beckett, Dick Boes, Sheila Genter, Wayne Kelly, John Kreinbrink, Lyla McClelland, Cindy Muzzo, Tina Shirshun, Heather VanderVest.

Excused Absences: Sheriff Kim Cole, Treasurer Andrew Kmetz IV, Janet Anderson, Ron Bacon, Jim Dodson, Cynthia Johnson, Tim Muldoon, Diane VanderWall, Derrick Wilson.

Motion made by Wayne Kelly to approve minutes on meeting April 14, 2022. John Beckett seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Financials presented by John Kreinbrink. Reviewed credit card transaction fee of \$4.40 per transaction. Reported amount of \$4,334.14 paid to Lincoln Hills for Lincoln Day Dinner. Cheryl Kelly questioned if all members are paid up to date with membership fees, question also if members can vote if not up to date. Sheila advised members are supposed to be in "good standing." Lyla reported 3 members not paid yet. Sheila suggested a reminder be sent out.

Motion made by Jim Bachelder to accept treasurer report. Wayne Kelly seconded. Motion carried.

Reports from State Elected Officials – None

Reports from County Elected Officials

Commissioner Gary Castonia reported the main thing going on right now is Brownfield. PM, Scottville and Ludington, but Amber doesn't want to be involved in Brownfield, but the County is going to be so I guess they are trying to get us all to a meeting to get training on what a Brownfield actually is so we better understand it.

County Clerk Cheryl Kelly reported that Sheila submitted the allowable precinct delegate apportionment numbers which are 79 for Mason County on March 7, 2022. Filing deadline was May 3, 2022 at 4pm (Which was also Election Day). Thirty-three Mason County residents signed up in the various voting Precincts. Six individuals who signed up were rejected for improper filling out of forms. Letters were sent on May 9, 2022 informing the candidates that their forms were rejected. Advised if they wish to be a delegate, write in deadline July 29, 2022 at 4pm or with local clerk on Election Day.

REMIND PEOPLE: The clerk’s office cannot assist in filling out forms as we must remain neutral. Please make sure to read all the directions associated with whatever office you are running for.

Reports from Committee Members

Unfinished business:

Events Chair Lyla McClelland reported on the Lincoln Day Dinner held Thursday, April 28, 2022, at Lincoln Hills Golf Club. Menu: Herb roasted beef, chicken piccata, mashed potatoes and gravy, rice pilaf, vegetables, rolls, salad, coffee, and an appetizer buffet table with 2 selections. Having 95 persons in attendance, we paid for 98 dinners based on the number of RSVPs received. With several “no shows” and several walk-ins, the net result was paying for 3 dinners not paid by attendees. Lyla suggested in the future to bill “no shows” who have not canceled 24 hrs prior to the event since we have to provide total number of dinners several days before the event.

Expenses – 98 dinners @\$35.56 ea. Including food, tip, linens, etc.		\$3,544.14
	Banquet Room	<u>850.00</u>
	Sub Total:	\$4,394.14

Lodging-Cartier Mansion (7-day cancellation policy, non-refundable, Owner will rebook w/o charge if booking is before end of year)		226.24
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Daily news advertising, classified ad 3wks and weekends		<u>91.66</u>
	Total expenses:	\$4,652.04

Donated – Programs Tom & Cynthia Johnson
Cake Cheryl Kelly & Lyla McClelland

Income – Dinners at door, included in membership, and left over from last year.

	\$5,870.00
4 power points @ \$50.00 ea.	200.00
22 sponsor ads @ \$25.00 ea.	<u>550.00</u>
Total Income:	\$6,620.00
Total Expenses:	- <u>\$4,652.04</u>

Net Profit from LDD - \$1,967.96

Chair Sheila Genter commented on how nice the LDD was but had 2 comments to make that did not need a response from members but requested that they be added to the minutes.

1. The chair reported that on 4/28 at 2:00 pm while setting up at Lincoln Hills, Jan, LH Manager asked if she should email me the invoice. I said, yes, please email it to me as I have to approve it before sending authorization to the Treasurer to pay. On May 3rd, I received an email from John K with the LH invoice attached. The first charge on the invoice was not detailed so I emailed Lyla with a cc to John that I needed to know what the first charge on the invoice was for. As the chair, and per Article IV, #2 & #5 of our by-laws, I am responsible for directing the day-to-day administration of the committee as well as approving and authorizing all bills to be paid. This invoice was over \$4k so I needed more info before approving. Note: When I advise a vendor to send me (chair) the invoice for payment approval, I don't expect another member to tell the same vendor to disregard emailing me (chair) the invoice and to email it to our Treasurer. Executive Committee Members are to follow "all" of our by-laws.
2. As the chair of the committee, I emailed an event overview to Jan, LH Manager. In my email, I was very complimentary. The servers and bartenders were attentive, polite, and accommodating to our guests. I personally thanked them for their excellent service and job well done prior to my leaving the clubhouse. The food was fantastic and overheard many complimenting the flavor and tenderness of the roast beef. The banquet room and tables were beautifully set up so when you walked in it looked very grand. I had no issues playing the PowerPoint point programs although it took me 2 hrs in the afternoon

searching for a convertor to adapt to their system. Only issue that was beyond frustrating was the microphone cutting in and out. LH staff did try to help. I indicated that I was glad it was only members that had to experience the microphone cutting in and out throughout the night. I would have been very embarrassed if Senator Ruth Johnson would have been there and the continuous cutting in and out of the microphone would have happened to her. I just wanted to let Jan know so the microphone problem could be rectified before their next event. I closed by thanking her for all her efforts in coordinating such an important Mason County Republican event. To date, I have not received a response.

Lyla reported that she sent an email to Cynthia Johnson thanking them for the nicest and classiest program they ever had. Also sent a thank you to Lincoln Hills thanking them for a great LDD success.

Dick Boes congratulated Lyla McClelland on the Lincoln Day Dinner.

Lyla reported the Scholarship Committee, Cheryl Kelly, Wayne Kelly, Susan Boes, and Events Chair Lyla McClelland along with (Chair) Sheila Genter met at Book Mart, May 11th at 3:15 to choose final scholarship recipients, also reviewing changes and/or suggestions for next year. 11 applications were received:

4 from Ludington, 2 from Mason County Central, and 5 from Eastern. One of the applicants was also a dual student with West Shore College. Cheryl Kelly tallied the votes. Two winners will be surprised and awarded their checks at their respective awards ceremony. Very gratifying to see the donation response from Mason Co Republicans and the good participation from the schools.

Sheila added the scholarships will be given to the students on May 24th. No names given, we want it to be a surprise.

John Kreinbrink reported on Highway Clean-up. Had 5 people show up on April 25th, doing only the Southbound lanes of US 31. Got 13-14 bags picked up. Northbound lanes should be some time in July.

Sheila reporting on Headquarters. We ran into a brick wall with P.M. township. No sheds or trailers. Could only provide a permit for 40 days. Food trucks under different ordinance. Other suggestions came up from some members and Sheila indicated she will continue her search tomorrow.

Sheila reported on Voter Awareness Subcommittee. She will be getting QVF data for Mason County which will help in identifying the addresses of those who did not vote in 2020. Looking for volunteers and delegates to work on this subcommittee.

New Business: Lyla discussed difficulty in getting several candidates together for a meet and greet, suggested we could try and get them at headquarters. Possibly a debate or two. She also stated that we can get half of our rent paid. Congressman Moolenaar and Senator Bumstead have offered to pay half of our rent for campaign headquarters, so I quoted the shed rent to them. But they didn't put a limit on the amount. They will pay half of our rent for whatever months we have headquarters for but again I quoted them the shed rent. Dick Boes suggested having a debate at the fairgrounds and Lyla advised that Ludington Daily News sponsored that before.

Dick Gregaitis, a visitor, requested to make a suggestion from observing the meeting. He doesn't know who's who when speaking, suggested having a card in front of every committee member with name and position. Also suggested some introductions and more info available on what this group is about. Sheila thanked him for his comments and will take them into consideration.

Sheila reported that she has sent out an email to Nathan of the local Jaycees International requesting information on July 4th parade entries but has not yet received a response.

Public Comments:

Jake Davenport with (John Moolenaar 4th congressional district team) John Moolenaar will be running for the newly redistricted 2nd congressional district. Jake commented that the Lincoln Day Dinner was fantastic and Sheriff Kim Cole did a fantastic job on short notice. Has yards signs N/C and will be staying after for any questions.

Tom Norton introduced himself, and he is also running for 2nd congressional district. He talked about his family history, in district and personal accomplishments. Also talked about what he wants to accomplish in office. He will have signs available next week. Will stay after to answer any questions.

Cathy Ingraham talked about Secure My Vote, they need 1/2 million signatures, anyone who signed prior to Thanksgiving needs to sign again. Mailing deadline May 15 but Sheila confirmed per zoom call postmark date extended to May 24. Cathy also talked about Unlock Michigan and state of emergency.

John Kreinbrink talked about Highway Clean-up for the rest of the year July 16-24 and Sept.24-Oct.12.

Margaret Greiner, guest, introduced herself. She has moved back to area, will be on ballot to become a precinct delegate, wants to volunteer, not afraid of anything, we must fill delegate positions.

John Beckett gave reminder, don't sign reproductive petition. Also Sunday at 12:30 at the park there will be a group of people with this petition, remind people not to sign.

Lyla McClelland made a suggestion for future discussion on possibly getting a flag for resource center. Jim Bachelder will check with Mary Jo on the flag.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Wayne Kelly. Jim Bachelder seconded. Motion carried.